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in accordance with expectations formed by the previous liberal disbursements by subsidiary companies, including the recent six per cent, extra dividend on Lake Shore stock. A further sharp rise in New York Central—with the expected good news out—warranted a favorable augury of the general speculative position, bringing out moderate pressure of realizing sales. The good news on the market was a large factor in lifting prices in other portions of the list. That large selling to realize was pushed under cover of the sustaining force of these advances was also plainly true, as proved by the uneven and lagging response of the general list to the advancing tendency and the later material reaction. The quick sale made of bonds of a minor road in the subsidiary Lake Shore system was an incident of the day's rise in New York Central. That other financing by that company is intended which will be helped by the strength of the stock offers further explanation of the protection given to its movement. The wider advance in Union Pacific was a direct outgrowth of the New York Central dividend action. Union Pacific's holdings of New York Central are not large enough to make the increased disbursement of great importance to its income, but its variety of treasury holdings and the inferences implied in a general policy of dividend increases on these holdings appealed to the specour Wall Decorators are arriving and many new things will be shown.

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M'LEAN AND ABE IN FAST

Big Crowd Sees Good Go in Willimantic-Johnson Didn't Run from new London-Grex Club Defeats Thread City Cyclers-Other Sports.

The biggest crowd of the season by long odds gathered in the Windham A. C.'s rooms at Willimantic on Wednesday evening and was well repaid by witnessing a good card. The sport opened with a wrestling match between Young O'Conneil and Piko Barber, the former winning in straight fails in 3 minutes 15 seconds, and 7 minutes 10 seconds, respectively. Bill Collins of Central Village refereed.

The second prelim was to have been bostoffice five of that place. It will be the first out of town game for the Norwich rollers.

Captain Dynon of the Cutlery team stated Wednesday evening that he accepted the challenge of the Uncas Specialty company for Friday night and the game is to be played. There are also to be two bleachery teams for the Same night.

High single at the Rose alleys on Wednesday was Bill McClafferty's 125,

minutes 10 seconds, respectively. Bill Collins of Central Village refereed.

The second prelim was to have been a 5 round boxing exhibition between Monk McQuillan and Kid Wilkerson of Lowell, Mass. but it was stopped at the end of the first round, as it was apparent that Wilkerson was too clever for the Sodom youngster. Collins and Wilkerson furnished four good rounds to complete the preliminary.

The main event was six 2-minute rounds of good fast boxing between Abe the Newsboy of New London and Frank McLean of Willimantic. This event was a corker that well satisfied the crowd.

Abe had the weight, McLean the skill and quickness. The last two factors enabled McLean to easily outpoint his game but more sluggish opponent in ever-round. There were several

tors enabled McLean to easily outpoint his game but more sluggish opponent in ever round. There were several good exchanges in each round and clever footwork by McLean. Most of the Newsboy's blows landed on the body, while those of McLean were placed wherever he wished them to land. At the conclusion, Abe stated to the spectators that McLean was a far better man with the mitts than Billy Allen. Shaun Sullivan refereed, William Mallon and L. N. Dondero were timers.

WOLGAST FOR CLABBY'S SECOND Jimmy Expects to Have the Champion in His Corner.

When lightweight champion Ad Wolgast was starting out to climb the pu-glistic ladder, he left his home town of Cadillac, and for a time made his headquarters at Milwaukee. Here he was a pai of Jimmy Clabby, and the two boys boxed many practice bouts. Now Ad is expected back in Milwaukee two boys boxed many practice bouts. Now Ad is expected back in Milwaukee and is looked to be there in time to second Clabby on Friday night when he meets Jimmy Gardner of Boston.

Ad Wolgast, the new king of the lightweights, and his manager, Tom Jones, are expected to arrive in Chicago early this afternoon. Ad will run up to Milwaukee, as the new champion is anxious to see his former friends. However, his stay will probably be short this time, as he is also anxious to return to his home town, Cadillac, Mich., where a big reception is awaiting him, says a Milwaukee exchange.

If possible, Wolgast will return to Milwaukee Friday night in order to help his old stable mate, Jimmy Clabby, in his battle with Jimmy Gardner at the Hippodrome. Wolgast has promised Frank Mulkern that if he can shape his plans accordingly that he will be here and act as one of Clabby's seconds. Clabby is tearing off some lively work in his training for his coming bout. Yesterday Gardner arrived in Chleago and reports from there this morning that he will stay in the Windy city and finish his training there. Gardner says that he is already in good shape, and he is down to 150 pounds, which bears out the statement. statement.

NET DECLINES FOR THE DAY.

Yet Speculative Sentiment Was Cheer-

ful-Closing Was Weak,

at times today of great strength and animation in the stock market is not borne out by analysis of the movement which resulted in net declines for the

day. Speculative sentiment, nevertheless, was cheerful and confidence in values was well maintained, which doubtless fulfilled the purpose of the supporters. That concerted support was responsible for the movement of

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prices was the impression given by the action of the market.
Operations centered markedly in a few stocks, of which Union Pacific, New York Central and United States Steel were the conspicuous examples. The raising of the dividend rate on New York Central to six per cent, was in accordance with expectations formed by the previous liberal disbursements by subsidiary companies, including the recent six per cent, extra

a general policy of dividend increases on these holdings appealed to the speculative spirit.

A sharp fall in foreign exchange rates was an incident of the day that is important, in view of the expanding demands on the New York money market. In the stock market Length was

demands on the New York money market. In the stock market London was a large seller here again, in spite of subscriptions to new bond issues. The opening decline in prices was caused by that selling. The coppers and United States Steel were notably affected. It was from that depressed level that the later advance set in. That fact and the final sharp setback due to recurrent realizing account for the comparatively narrow net changes on the day. The course of the news from labor controversies was not liked and the reports of the resolution in

and the reports of the resolution in favor of a general strike by the Penn-sylvania Federation of Labor caused a material reaction in the final hour and

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, \$4,434,000. United States twos

declined 1-8 per cent, on call.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

High single at the Rose alleys on Wednesday was Bill McClafferty's 125, which was good for the daily prize.

THE WAY LEWIS ESCAPED. Willie's Manager Sacrifices Himself to

Put Bill Papke Off the List. Has it come to this in Paris that a Has it come to this in Paris that a puglistic manager must take the whipping that his fighter shirks? Must little Dan McKetrick lay bare his young and tender jaw to the battering ram of the Illinois Thunderbolt because Willie Lewis won't offer his own jaw? Willie has conquered all Europe. He has squashed every lemon in France and England, He was a king and there had to be something more for him to conquer. Willie's courage, which never sold at par in the United States, was worth many times par in Paris. So Dan had sent to the United States for something tough. He got Harry So Dan had sent to the United States for something tough. He got Harry Lewis, and you know what a lacing Harry handed to Willie for twenty rounds. Bill Papke also was on the way and arrived in time to see Willie and Harry go. Willie was not so confident after Harry got through with him and every time he thought about Papke he had a chill. He well remembered the six rounds that Papke handed to him in Pittsburg and he shuddered to think of twenty rounds of that kind of stuff.

"Mon Dieu!" exclaimed Willie to

"Mon Dieu!" exclaimed Willie to Dan, if I am reliably informed. "Dan, I don't want any of this Thunderbolt

person."
"Pourquoi?" answered Dan. "Also sacre bleu and anything else you Something had to be done of course It wouldn't do to let the worshipping Paris public know that Willie's old trouble had returned. Right there is where Dan McKetrick showed how great a manager he is.

"Who told you you could fight?" Dan yelled at Papke the next time they

met.
"What's that?" exclaimed Bill.
"You're a yellow dog!" answered

Biff! answered Bill.

Biff! answered Bill.

Dan McKettrick's jaw had received what had sent twenty-three middle-weights to slumber. Dan slumbered too. He awoke after a while.

"Papke is no gentleman," he cried to the manager of the big fighting club, "I won't let Willle fight a man who isn't a gentleman. Out with him, Papke must be run out of Parls for assaulting me. The fight is off."

Papke is on his way home, they say, wiser and poorer. Now he knows what it is to pit himself against a live manager.

GREX WINS FEATURE GAME Score 23 to 19 by Thread City Cyclers.

Duckpin Bowling.

The Norwich postoffice duckpin team has arranged to go to Westerly next Tuesday evening to roll the ining when the Grex club team and the

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Thread City Cyclers met. From the start the pace was a hard one and the game close all the way.

The first half closed with the Grex leading, 13-9. The last half was still more exciting and pretty rough and at one time the Cyclers led by a single point, but then the winning team took the lead and maintained it to the finish. The last few moments were the most exciting seen here this season. Richmond and Lewis were ruled out of the game for mixing too freely as each squared off. The game finished with four men apiece. The lineups and summary:

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Grex Club—Leonard If, Mott, rf, Richmond c. Morse I b, Harrington, Higgins rb.

Thread City Cyclers—Woodward rb, Mellor lb, Lyman, Lewis c, Card rf, Lewis, Wood If.

Score—Grex 23, Cyclers 19, Baskets from floor, Leonard 5, Card 3, Morse 2, Higgins 2, Woodward 2, Mellor, Lewis, Fouls called, on Woodward 5, Lewis 6, Morse 4, Leonard 3, Richmond, Harrington. Baskets from free tries, Woodward 5, Morse 5, Free tries missed, Woodward 4, Morse 6, Referee, Capt. P. J. F. Sullivan. Timers, Turnbull and Burahm. 20-minute halves. Scorer, H. Kelly.

JOHNSON DIDN'T RUN. Said Roads Were Too Bad-No Time Set for a Trial Later.

Samuel A. Johnson, who has announced his purpose to run from New London to Norwich and back again on Wednesday in three hours and fifteen minutes disappointed a good sized crowd here by his failure to start at all. Johnson stated to the New London newspaper men that he thought the roads were in too poor shape to make the attempt, but the general impression down there seemed to be that it was a case of cold feet. He did not say when he might try again.

About 2 o'clock there was a good sized crowd waiting around the corner of Main and Shetucket streets here to see the runner finish the first lap

ner of Main and Shetucket streets here to see the runner finish the first lap of his journey, but when the crew of the 2.15 Montville trolley came in and reported they had seen nothing of any runner on the road it was realized that he could not be expected and they faded away. That interest in the running game locally is at the top notch was indicated by the eagerness of the crowd to get news of the runner, and any harder hiker who wants to get in the public eye has only to announce that he is out for distance road record to secure a crowd when he makes his attempt.

ELEVATE BATTERS' BOX TO KILL THE SPITBALL.

Would Give the Stickers a Chance Against the Moist Delivery.

If the earnest gentlemen who are timbering year by year with the rules, and who always declare that they want to help the downtrodden havemen, would try a simple and harmless experiment or two they might gain some valuable information and be placed in a fair way to solve the problem of the fading averages. There is a lot of time between now and April. Why not try the experiment of raising the batters' box and giving the hitter the advantage of elevation, so long conceded to the pitchers? says W. A. Philon. If the earnest gentlemen who

For several years the pitching slab

For several years the pitching slab was placed on a hill, and this was carried to such a pass in some parks that the hurler was on a veritable mountain, from which he sent his whizzing surves down at the batsman. The rules now provide for only a moderate elevation of the pitcher, but he still has all the best of the situation. Elevating the batsman might not help the straightaway hitting so far as most of the curves are concerned, but it would end, once and for all, the gratest unisance of which the batsmen have complained during recent years—the spitball. That noxious and slimy pest is a low drop shoot, so far as tangent and action are considered. It breaks about the height of the knee and bangs like wet lead into the catcher's fins, held down near his ankle. Put the batsman on a hill and the spitball is done for.

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Pitchers admit that they cannot throw the spitball high. It won't work right when it breaks way up, and if thrown low, with the batsman on a hill, it would simply hit the turf for a called ball. In other words, elevating this position. He would get a fairer, fiercer swing at many shoots, and he could drive the leather at a more difficult angle for the infield to capture. With the hill on a proper slant, he would also pick up speed and impetus on his way to first and beat out many infield bounders that are now sent across ahead of the runners. The scheme looks worthy of a trial, and if it wouldn't work it would take only a few demonstrations to prove it.

This idea looks good. So does the three ball proposition. The opponents of the three ball idea maintain that it would result in too many bases on balls, thus deadening the game. Nothing of the sort. Nearly every pitcher now wastes one or two balls, defiberately, sending them wide in hopes that the butsman may foolishly swat at them, which he doesn't do once in 87 times. With a three ball rule, the pitcher would simply have to cut out that sort of idiocy. He would have to feed the pills across the platter straight and true, and the batters would get a fair, square whack at the leather. That would improve the batting from the start, and would penalize only the wilder hurlers.

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Irish Five vs. Girls in Basketball. Miss Engler, representing the Boston College Girls' basketball team, which played in New London Thesday night, was here on Wednesday looking for a chance to put on a game here. The girls played in New London against a Groton five on Tuesday evening and have been making a tour of the state. Miss Engler met Leo Bruette, Joe Demond and Jim Kearns, who made arrangements to have the who made arrangements to have the Irish Five play the Boston girls next week in T, A. B. hall at a date to be arranged later. The girls are said to be able to make even the men's teams hustle, and will prove one of the star basketball attractions of the season.

Yale's First Outdoor Practice.

New Haven, Conn., March 9.—The Yale baseball squad had the first outdoor practice of the season on Yale field today under the direction of Coaches Lush and McPartland. Among the candidates for the team who played on the football eleven of the past season are Captain Coy, Lilley, Merritt, Logan, Murphy, Corey and Daly. Vale's First Outdoor Practice.

Baseball Results Wednesday. At San Antonio, Texas: Detroit (American league) 4, 7, 1; San Antonio

At Houston, Tex.: St. Louis Americans 7, Houston 4.
At New Orleans: Chicago Nationals 6, New Orleans 1. Championshipu Basketball in Westerly Westerly has a great attraction this evening in a championship baseball game. New London and Mystic are the teams that are to meet.

New York, March 9.—Cotton spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 14.80; middling guif, 15.05; sales, 2,050 bales. Cotton futures closed steady. Chosing bids: March 14.66, April 14.59, May 14.63, June 14.33, July 14.31, August 13.70, September 12.87. October 12.49, November 12.30, December 12.31. Manager Gene McCann of Bridge-port is figuring on getting a classy twirter from the Jersey City -club. With Snyder, Glbbs and Romer as the nucleus the new owner figures that he can get together a street children New York, March 9.—Money on call casy at 2 5-8@3 per cent; ruling rate 2 5-8; last loan 2 3-4; closing bid 2 With Sny 3-4; offered at 2 7-8. Time loans connucleus the siderably stronger; sixty days 3 3-4; can get

BITS OF BASEBALL.

McGraw says he put Murphy in baseball via the press agent route in 1904.

Griffith will entertain the Detroit club, the American league champions, at Cincinnati April 11-12.

Roger Bresnahan, St. Louis, has a pitching staff of 15 men, one more than the Naps. Connie has 12.

Owner John L. Taylor of the Boston Americans calls Duffy Lewis, the California outfielder, "another Speaker."

Kid Elberfeld has played under Man-ager George Stallings in three differ-ent cities—Philadelphia, Detroit and New York. Terry Turner of the Cleveland team says that his arm is in grand shape, and that he will come back strong and that he this summer.

"Wild Bill" Donovan and Claude Rossman are holding down jobs as referee and starter in skating races at a Detroit rink.

year term expired. Talk about the way left-handers last.
Willie McGill, who pitched in 1894, is
still twirling for the Chicago semipro teams, and still has a great deal
of speed, with some of the clusive

Red Murray is wearing himself feverish worrying about the official records and wondering if the revised editions will correct the typographical miscue by which the New Yorker was given only eighteen steals instead of forty-eight.

Funny how big Chief Myers of the New York Giants makes home runs in the spring practice. He smote about twenty in the ante-season games last year, and one in the whole of the real campaign. This trip he is already put-ting them over the fences.

RINGSIDE GOSSIP.

Bill Pauke and Tom Thomas, the middleweight champion of England, will probably meet in Wales next

Cash Sloan, brother of the well known jockey, Tod Sloan, has become a boxer, He recently won a six round bout in Jacksonville. Old Prof, Joe Robinson is still in the

game in England, but is not having the best of luck. The other night he was defeated at Hull in a fifteen round bout by Tom Stokes. Fred Sidney, the Boston colored box-er, who has been having good luck in his bouts in England, was defeated by Sam Harris, also of this country, in a ten round bout at Holborn, Eng., the

Jack Goldswain, the former light-weight champion of England, who showed so poorly in this country more than a year ago, has been matched to box Young Josephs for the weiter-weight championship of England in London, March 21.

Because Packey McFarland would out agree to any one except Eugene not agree to any one except Eugene Corri for referee, the proposed bout in England between McFarland and Freddie Welsh fell through. Welsh did not like McFarland to dictate to him in his own country as to who

would be referee. If Corri is the square referee that he is regarded, Welsh has no good cause for objecting to him if he is really anxious to meet McFar-

The bout between Abe Attell and Frankie Neil in New York last Thursday night is getting a great "panning." The promoter who put the bout on, and not the boxers, is the one who should get the roasting, Beside, any follower of the game who "fell" for the bout should not let it be known that he was so easy to work.—Exchange.

HARNESS HORSE NOTES.

I. G. Stelle, the Newark, N. J., trainer, who brought out Wilkes Heart, 2.6 1-4, and last year had out Lady Bryan, 2.12 1-4, has a very handsome chestratifily by Joe A. Chin, full brother to Wilkes Heart, out of the thestnat mare Evelyn W., by Baron Dillon, 3.12, viat is regarded as a very promising thotter.

a Detroit rink.

President Tom Lynch of the National league says the Highlanders have got a real ball players in Raymond Fisher, the Hartford pitcher.

Fred Lake of the Boston Nationals has the "for sale" sign on Pitchers Cecil Ferguson and Forest More, but cannot find a purchaser.

Comiskey is firing his young recruits by the wholesale. His squad, of over fifty, was cut to thirty-five by the time the White Sox left for the coast.

In speaking of Peter the Creat it is

Walter Johnson, Washington's pitcher, is due for a good season. Last year was the worst in his professional career, his percentage of victories being extremely low.

One of the oldest bail players in service is Gamey Westlake, a catcher, who has been in the game twenty-two years, and is yet backstopping in the little leagues.

Ban Johnson is reported to have told Jim McAleer in Chicago last week that he hoped he would win a pennant before his (Johnson's) twenty year term expired.

In speaking of Peter the Great it is interesting to recall the fact that the records ciedli thim with being the sire of the cord ciedli thim with being the sire of the records ciedli thim with being the sire of the cord ciedli that the records ciedli that the re In speaking of Peter he Great it

Prodigal, 2.16, by Pancoast, 2.21 3-4, is king of the Mambrino Chief family as a sire of standard performers with 120 to his credit. Elyria, 2.25 1-4, whose 120 to his credit. Ellyria, 2.25 1-4, whose standard performers number 117, ranks next to Prodigal, 2.16. Prodigal, 2.16, inherited two crosses of Hambletonian 16 blood, one through his dam Beatrice, by Cuyler 100, a son of Hambletonian 10, and the other through Pancoast, 2.21 3-4, whose dam was Biscara, a daughter of Harold 413, by Hambletonian 10.

Academy Baseball,

Some of the most enthusisatic of the Academy baseball players were out on Wednesday for first practice. The field has dried up well, but the raw March wind made it somewhat un-comfortable for the early birds.

With six new managers at the helms it is predicted that the Connecticut league is due for its best season in



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